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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO USINFO WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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USINFO ALSO FOR VOA NEWSROOM

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BANGKOK FOR HEDGES

BANGKOK, HONG KONG AND SAIGON FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS

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SUBJ: KHMER SITUATIONER

1. THREE 107MM ROCKETS STRUCK THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF PHNOM PENH AGAIN SUNDAY NIGHT KILLING FIVE AND INJURING EIGHT, ALL CIVILIANS. IT WAS THE FOURTH ROCKET ATTACK IN THREE DAYS AGAINST THE SAME GENERAL AREA.

2. GARRISON TROOPS FROM DAS KANCHOR ON ROUTE 4 AND A GOVERNMENT RELIEF FORCE FROM KOMPONG SPEU ARE NOW ONLY FOUR AND HALF KILOMETERS FROM LINK-UP AS EACH MADE A KILOMETER ADVANCE ON SUNDAY. THE UNITS FROM KOMPONG SPEU RECAPTURED THE TOWN OF TALAT IN THEIR DRIVE TO RELIEVE THE GARRISON AT DAS KANCHOR, WHICH HAS BEEN CUT OFF FOR THREE MONTHS.

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3. NORTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH ON THE MEKONG, THE
PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF KOMPONG CHAN WAS HIT BY SIX
ATTACKS BY FIRE WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES RESULTING.
BUT A GOVERNMENT JEEP HIT A MINE PLANTED BY COMMUNIST
INFILTRATORS TO THE NORTHWEST OF THE CITY WOUNDING
SEVEN FANK SOLDIERS INCLUDING FOUR OFFICERS.

4. OTHERWISE, SUNDAY SAW RELATIVELY LIGHT MILITARY
ACTIVITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY WITH SEVERAL LIGHT ATTACKS
BY FIRE AND MINOR COMMUNIST GROUND PROBES CAUSING
LITTLE OR NOR CASUALTIES TO EITHER SIDE.

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